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Manitoba will not be implementing tax on junk food, despite a push from some NDP members to do so, says Finance Minister Jennifer Howard. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

Slim chance for fat tax, but NDP weighed the idea

Health. Despite push from some members, minister flat-out rejects idea of 'tax on what is considered junk food'

Some members of Manitoba's governing New Democrats are pushing for a tax on junk food, but newly released documents show the party has long held off on the idea.

Briefing notes and other material obtained by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation reveal the government has been monitoring fat taxes overseas as well as studies on the issue, but has found problems.

"Health-related food taxes continue to be discussed as a policy option for obesity prevention and for addressing other health goals," reads a discussion paper from 2012 prepared by Paul Fieldhouse, a policy analyst in the Department of Healthy Living.

"A major problem confronting any food-tax proposal is scientific uncertainty about the complex nature of relationships between diet and health." of an unspecified amount that would raise money for school nutrition programs and other initiatives.

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The taxpayers federation released the documents Wednesday because the issue is tentatively on the agenda for this weekend's annual NDP convention. One of the party's constituency associations is seeking a "healthy living levy"

revenue and sort of micro-managing the lives of Manitobans."

Finance Minister Jennifer Howard flatly rejected the idea Wednesday, saying, "We will not be introducing any kind of tax on what is considered junk food." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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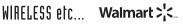
















Mayor says he had to sue student paper

Mayor Sam Katz said he wasn't left with "any choice" but to sue a university student newspaper over a column that touched on the controversial fire halls landswap deal.

The Uniter, the student newspaper at the University of Winnipeg, published a column in December that suggested the mayor pressured the city's former chief administrative officer Phil Sheegl to do a deal with realestate company Shindico at any cost.

"There were letters to try to get it done without this action, but they unfortunately, politely told (us) 'not interested,' we'll just leave it at that," said Katz on Wednesday.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the column had been replaced on the Uniter's website with this message: "Because this matter is presently before the Courts, this article is temporarily unavailable." In the statement of claim, Katz's lawyer said the newspaper's allegation is not true and the column is reckless and deliberately meant to cause harm to the mayor.

Statements of claim contain allegations that have not been proven in court.

The controversial land-

swap deal would have seen a Shindico-owned property on Taylor Avenue that now houses fire station No. 12 exchanged for three other city-owned properties. The city is in the process of buying that Taylor land. Bernice Pontanilla/METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS, CJOB

Re-designating land may provide housing: Nordman

'Bump our capacity.'

Housing will be needed near the airport as Centreport grows



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The re-designation of a 260-acre piece of land near the airport could provide housing for those who work at the future Centre-Port, a city councillor said on Wednesday.

Grant Nordman said removing the general manufacturing designation on the parcel is a positive move.

"It would certainly bump our capacity; we are the smallest ward population-wise in the city, so it would be valuable for the school division," said Nordman following the executive policy committee meeting where it received first reading.

"The businesses of the area will be able to service those folks that are going to come in, so yeah, it's a great opportunity and it's still all inside the Perimeter Highway."

Nordman said another draw is the land's proximity

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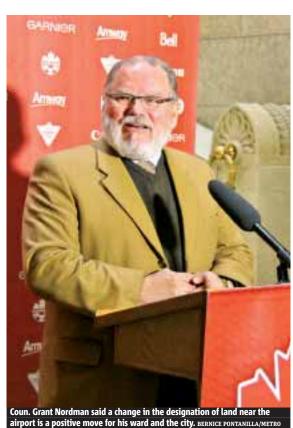
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Coun. Grant Nordman

to CentrePort, a 20,000-acre inland port and foreign trade zone. "(It's) close to CentrePort, so the people who will work on the west side of the airport in any future CentrePort development will be able to live close to where they work," he added.

Mayor Sam Katz said the Winnipeg Airports Authority is also in favour of the land re-designation; however, the WAA did caution potential homebuyers.

"If something is constructed and people do move in, they are 100 per cent cognizant to the fact that there is an airport in the city, 'cause quite often people will move beside an airport and later ask to get rid of it cause there's noise," said Katz, adding that any houses on that land wouldn't be on a flight path, but would be close enough to hear the planes.



Final blessing needed

EPC backs Kapyong Barracks land motion

The city's executive policy committee has backed a motion calling on the city's public servants to negotiate for Kapyong Barracks land with the goal of widening Kenaston Boulevard.

The EPC-approved motion put forward by Coun. Justin Swandel and Mayor Sam Katz at the Jan. 29 city council meeting now heads back to council for a final blessing.

blessing.

"I'd love to stand before you at a press conference with Canada Lands and First Nations and say, 'They're going to move forward and resolve their issues, but in the meantime they both agree that the city should have access to X amount of land to do what they have to do for the widening of Kenaston,'" said Katz after Wednesday's EPC meeting.

"That would be the ideal situation. As yet, that hasn't come forward."

A fight over ownership of the 160-acre property at Grant Avenue and Kenaston is currently being waged in court between the federal government and seven First Nations.

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Hoping for better care. Polar bear won't make it to local zoo from Argentina

The Assiniboine Park Zoo says a polar bear living in an Argentinian zoo will likely have to stay there.

People have been protesting the treatment of Arturo, who resides in the Mendoza Zoo. The bear is not faring well, protesters say, with temperatures drastically warmer than what a polar bear is used to and a lack of quality facilities.

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) has been in talks to get Arturo transferred to the new polar-bear enclosure at the Assiniboine Park Zoo but said Wednesday it's unlikely to happen.

"It does not appear that a Canadian import permit can be issued for Arturo," the APC said in a statement. "(The) requirements include a critical need for specific medical rec-



ords dating back a minimum of three years, and Mendoza representatives have confirmed that they are unable to fulfill this requirement."

COO Don Peterkin said the APC will be speaking with the South American zoo on Friday via Skype to help share ideas and have offered to send a member of its veterinarian team to Argentina.

Home renovators.

Province seeks advice on ensuring quality service

The provincial government wants advice from Manitobans to make sure projects are done on time and on budget.

Home renovation projects, that is.

The province is asking Manitobans to voice their concerns about home improvement in order to help develop new rules to ensure consumers get fair prices, accurate quotes and renovations and repairs that are done on time.

"Having your home or condo renovated or repaired can be a stressful process, especially when the work ends up costing more than expected or isn't completed

Consumer confidence

"We want to ensure families are treated fairly, receive clear estimates and pay only what they had expected to pay."

Consumer-protection minister Ron Lemieux, in a release

on time," said consumer-protection minister Ron Lemieux in a release.

Home renovation and repair experiences can be shared by emailing consumers@gov.mb.ca before March 31 METERO

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Cops find suspect in stolen SUV

A man is in police custody in connection to an early morning break-in at a Pembina Highway-area restaurant earlier this week.

Police were looking for a male suspect after a restaurant in the 800 block of Pembina Highway was broken into shortly before 7:30 a.m. Monday.

On Tuesday, police were called to a parking lot near Portage Avenue and St.

James Street over reports a possibly impaired driver was sitting inside a Sport Utility Vehicle.

When officers arrived, a computer check showed the SUV had been reported stolen.

The 32-year-old man in the vehicle was taken into custody without incident.

Kyle Gordon Nesbitt, 32, of Winnipeg is facing charges of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, break-and-enter with intent, possession of break-in recognizance and probation breaches. METRO



A trip to the vet? How very passé

Now the vet comes to you. Province's first mobile spay-neuter clinic will travel to rural areas



Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue is getting proactive in its effort to fix the problem of dog overpopulation in areas of rural Manitoba that lack access to veterinary services.

The dog rescue — best known for bringing stray dogs from remote communities to homes in Winnipeg — has launched the province's first mobile spay-and-neuter clinic.

Their first endeavour will see two veterinarians travel to Norway House in April, where they hope to spay or neuter between 60 to 80 dogs during a whirlwind two-day trip.

"We can set up at arenas, gyms, anywhere really," explained Mallory Fleming, who heads up the new program, Goal

Get Fixed Manitoba hopes to spay or neuter 250 dogs across the province this year and estimates the effort could prevent as many as 750 unwanted births.

called Get Fixed Manitoba.

"We'll be working with elected officials ... so that they know about the benefits and can welcome the program into the community." Each dog will also be vaccinated against rabies and tattooed to help improve the province's population records.

April's clinic is estimated to cost around \$12,000, with owners paying a subsidized fee of \$50 for the services. While the program will first focus on dogs that have owners, Fleming said she hopes to see it expanded to include stray dogs as well.

To donate to the Get Fixed Manitoba program, go to manitobamutts.org.

First Nation is broke, lost, but managing: Chief

A Manitoba First Nation accused of not paying its teachers and keeping their insurance premiums, government contributions and pension payments said it doesn't need the federal government to step in and manage its books.

Sandy Bay Chief Russell Beaulieu said a previous band council racked up at least \$19 million in debt and the First Nation is working to repay credit-

Beaulieu concedes insurance premiums, pension contributions and government deductions are being taken off each cheque, but added he doesn't know where that money has gone or where it is going now. He said the band can't afford a forensic audit to get to the bottom of it.

Doing their best?

"We have hardly any money. We're finding out as much as we can."

Sandy Bay Chief Russell Beaulieu

Beaulieu said teachers continue to pay for health benefits that they aren't receiving because their insurance company is among the creditors.

The Manitoba Teachers'

The Manitoba Teachers' Society is calling on the federal government to appoint a third-party manager to address chronic financial problems.

The band just fired its comanager, who was helping sort out the books, and a new one will start next week, Beaulieu said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Examiner: Hoffman's autopsy inconclusive

A couple adds to the flowers placed outside the apartment building of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman in New York Tuesday. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug overdose?

Four suspects who may have supplied actor with drugs taken into police custody

Four people were taken into custody on drug charges after police investigating Philip Seymour Hoffman's death executed search warrants, two people with knowledge of the investigation said Wednesday, and the medical examiner's office said more tests are needed to determine what killed him.

There was no timetable for Hoffman's autopsy to be finished, said medical examiner office spokeswoman Julie Bolcer, who declined to discuss the pending tests. Toxicology and tissue tests are typically done in such cases.

Police have been investigating his death as a suspected drug overdose.

History of drug abuse

- Hoffman had been frank about struggling with substance abuse. He told CBS's 60 Minutes in 2006 that he used "anything I could get my hands on" before getting clean at age 22.
- But in interviews last year, he said he had relapsed, had developed a heroin problem and had gone to rehab for a time.

The Oscar-winning actor was found dead Sunday with a needle in his arm, and tests found heroin — but no traces of the potent synthetic morphine additive fentanyl, which is added to intensify the high and has been linked to 22 suspected overdose deaths in western Pennsylvania — in samples from at least 50 packets in his apartment in Manhattan's Greenwich Village, law enforcement officials have said.

The four people were taken into custody Tuesday after police executed search warrants at several New York City apartments based on a tip provided by a confidential source that the suspects may have supplied Hoffman with drugs, according to two people with knowledge of the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The four suspects face charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance.

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Philip Seymour Hoffman

Ford singled out for jaywalking in B.C.?

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he's "perplexed" over receiving a ticket for jaywalking last Friday in a Vancouver suburb.

Ford was in B.C. to attend the funeral of a friend's mother and was crossing a road linking the Vancouver-area municipalities of Burnaby and Coquitlam when police stopped him.

Commenting for the first time since getting the ticket, Ford said Wednesday that there were 15 people with him at the time but the officer picked him out and said, "You're Rob Ford, come with me."

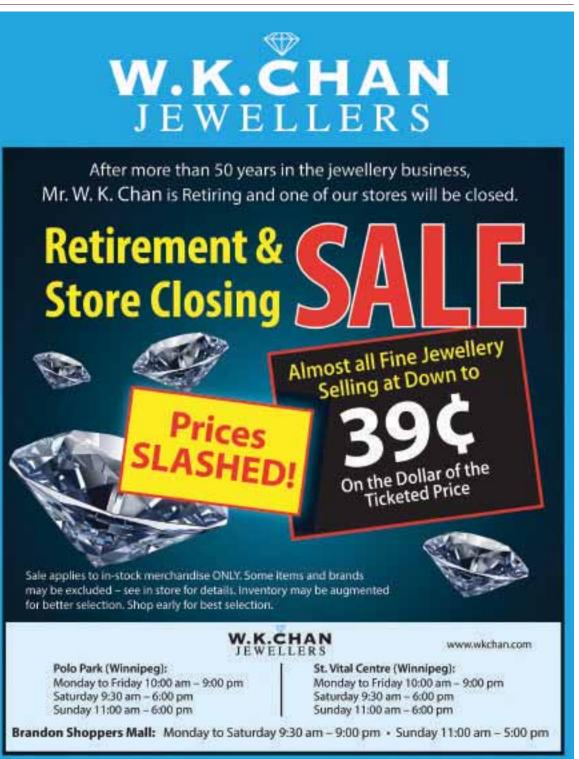
Ford says he and another person he was with were given jaywalking tickets for \$109.

The RCMP has refused to comment on why Ford received the ticket or how many tickets are issued for jaywalking.

"I'm just perplexed by it," Ford said, noting that "everybody jaywalks."

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Vets. Medical discharges lead to 'area of unfairness'

Some Canadian soldiers given medical discharges find they don't qualify for benefits because Veterans Affairs uses different, more stringent criteria in an "unfair" process, the military ombudsman told a Senate committee Wednesday.

Pierre Daigle, whose term ends in a few weeks, testified many ex-soldiers have to fight to prove the conditions that made them ineligible to serve are a result of their service.

Once released, Veterans Affairs demands the ill and injured be subject to a separate assessment above and beyond whatever examination has been conducted at National Defence. For veterans, it can be a bureaucratic conundrum that often leads to a denial of benefits and a lengthy appeals process.

"This is an area of unfairness which needs to be looked at," Daigle said.

Daigle said he has had heard from former members directly, even though his mandate doesn't extend to Veterans Affairs, and told senators one individual described the process "as the equivalent of being pushed off a cliff." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigation. Helicopter pilot lost control: Report

The Transportation Safety Board has determined there was nothing mechanically wrong with a helicopter that crashed in northern Alberta last spring, killing the pilot and a government biologist.

An investigation by the board, released Wednesday, said the pilot lost control of the chopper while trying to find a spot to land in the Birch Mountain area near Fort McMurray. The aircraft, operated by Wood Buffalo Helicopters, collided with a tall stand of poplar trees before dropping to the ground.

The board found that the

helicopter had slowed and wind created the flying phenomenon known as "loss of tail rotor effectiveness."

"It is the result of the tail rotor not providing adequate thrust to maintain directional control," said the report. "If not corrected, (it) can result in the loss of the helicopter."

Kristina Norstrom, 39, of Athabasca, Alta., was killed along with the pilot, Bryce Campbell, 35, of Golden, B.C.

A second scientist, Simon Slater, was able to crawl out of the wreckage through a broken window. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CN, union reach deal, avert strike

Keeping it rail. The federal government said it was prepared to force striking workers to go back on the job

CN Rail and the Teamsters union have reached a tentative contract agreement, averting a potential strike by 3,000 workers that could have come as early as this weekend.

Both sides said late Wednesday that details of the threeyear contract won't be released until it is ratified by union members.

Teamsters spokesman Stephane Lacroix described the negotiations as a "bit chaotic," but said CN came to the union with a series of proposals late in the day.

"As a result, we're very happy to avoid a strike this weekend," Lacroix said, adding he hopes union members will ratify the agreement this time.

Lacroix noted that Labour Minister Kellie Leitch's announcement that Ottawa was preparing back-to-work legislation in the event of a strike likely helped move things along.

He said union members will soon get to see the agreement and likely vote on it in the coming weeks.

The union's strike notice came days after Teamster members, representing conductors, train employees and yard workers, rejected a tentative contract reached last fall with CN

The federal government had said it was prepared to intervene and force CN workers back on the job should they go ahead with a walkout, which could have come as early as Saturday morning

as Saturday morning.
CN congratulated the union for averting a possible strike.

"This will ensure continued service to our customers in a very challenging environment where extreme winter conditions have hampered CN operations and affected service levels," said Jim Vena, CN's executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

"CN has offered to work closely with the union leadership to explain the terms of the agreement to union members over the next 45 days to help ensure a successful ratification of the agreement," Vena said in a statement.

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Winter weather causes massive pileup on Ontario highway

Rescue workers attend the scene of a multi-vehicle pileup on Highway 401 westbound near Trenton, Ont., on Wednesday. Ontario provincial police said via Twitter that the accident was more than a kilometre long and had closed down the highway. OPP said about 25 tractor trailers and 10 smaller vehicles were involved in the string of collisions as many roads in eastern and southern Ontario were covered in snow from the substantial snowstorm.

Environmentalists call government's plan to review pesticides a 'victory'

Environmentalists are declaring victory over a federal government announcement that it will conduct a health review of 23 pesticides, including a weed killer found everywhere from wheat fields to suburban lawns.

But they point out the decision comes only after several lawsuits were filed last summer and suggest it shouldn't take legal action to get Ottawa to follow the law.

"It is a victory in that sense, that we're getting

them to do something they've never done before," said Elaine MacDonald of the environmental law group Ecojustice. "But we shouldn't have to sue them to get them to do it."

Last August, four lawsuits were filed over 29 chemicals, all of which Ecojustice said were banned in Europe. The federal government is obliged by law to review chemicals that are banned in any country belonging to the Organization for Economic Co-

operation and Development.

Health Canada had originally declined to do any studies. It said some of the chemicals had been recently examined and found to present acceptable risks. The agency added that it wanted to consider reasons for the European bans before conducting studies on the others.

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency quietly reversed that decision in a website posting dated Dec. 30.

"The (agency) ... has deter-

mined that this subsection's criteria have been met, namely that a member country of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development prohibits all uses of this active ingredient for health or environmental reasons."

Four of the six chemicals Canada won't review were found to be still in limited European use, restricted to functions such as anti-flea dog collars. The final two are not used in Canada.

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Vancouver

Court sees video of 'Good Samaritan' beating during Stanley Cup riot

A man dubbed a Good Samaritan because of his efforts to fend off looters during Vancouver's Stanley Cup riot has told the trial of four of his alleged attackers that he suffered injuries for nearly three weeks following the attack.

Robert MacKay was assaulted on June 15, 2011, outside a department store in Vancouver. In a video that was played in court, a group of people are seen grabbing MacKay and punching him until he is knocked to the ground.

Ioannis Kangles, Michael MacDonald, Carlos Barahona Villeda and David Leonati are charged with assault and for participating in a riot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec

Family drama claims the life of 11-year-old girl

An 11-year-old girl has become the fourth person to die in a family drama that police believe was triggered by a possible love triangle.

Beatrice Godin died Tuesday night after being in critical condition since the weekend. She was one of the two daughters of Martin Godin, who police say is the prime suspect in the deaths.

Provincial police say the 54-year-old man was taken to hospital Saturday night after the slayings of three people, including his other daughter, 13-year-old Medora.

The other people who died were Godin's ex-wife, Nancy Samson, and her boyfriend, Benoit Daigle.

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Rome. United Nations report urges Vatican to come clean on abuse

The Vatican "systematically" adopted policies that allowed priests to rape and molest tens of thousands of children over decades, a UN human-rights committee said Wednesday, urging the Holy See to open its files on pedophiles and bishops who concealed their crimes.

The UN committee severely criticized the Holy See for its attitudes toward homosexuality, contraception and abortion and said it should change its own canon law to ensure children's rights and their access to health care are guaranteed.

The Vatican promptly objected and its UN ambassador accused the committee of having betrayed the international body's own objectives by allowing itself to be swayed by pro-gay ideologues.

The report, which took the

The report, which took the Vatican by surprise in its harsh tone, puts renewed pressure on Pope Francis to move decisively on the abuse front and make good on pledges to create a Vatican commission to study sex abuse and recommend best practices to fight it.

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Sochi security beefed up

Winter Olympics.

Russia's law-and-order president not taking terrorist threat lightly

President Vladimir Putin pointed Wednesday to the Boston Marathon bombings as a big reason for the intense security around the Winter Olympics starting in Russia this week.

The Chechen brothers accused of the 2013 Boston attacks hailed from just a few hundred kilometres away from the Olympic sites at Sochi.

Twin bombings in another southern Russian city in December have heightened terrorism fears around the Sochi events.

Intelligence agencies from multiple countries will be working together around the clock at a special headquarters in Sochi, Putin said while visiting Olympic sites Wednesday.

"In the U.S., people died at a marathon, during the G8 there were terrorist acts in the London subway," he said.



Putin rose to power and popularity 15 years ago on law-and-order, hard-on-terrorism policies that critics say go too far and suppress human rights. He had long warned the West about the dangers posed by Chechen rebels, and urged closer security co-operation with Washington after the Bos-

ton Marathon attacks.

Putin has made security central to the Olympic project, in which he has taken an unusual personal interest.

Despite criticism and higher costs than any Olympics in history, Putin said Wednesday that "Russia is ready to host the Games." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Backlash

Protests over anti-gay laws intensify

A U.S. Olympic sponsor and a UN panel condemned a Russian law criticized as a stifler of gay rights as protests took place around the world Wednesday.

The law signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in July bans pro-gay "propaganda."

Detractors have pressed the International Olympic Committee and its corporate sponsors to denounce the law and call for its repeal. One of those sponsors, McDonald's, was targeted Wednesday by protesters in London and Paris. Protests also took place in St. Petersburg, Russia, New York, Jerusalem and Rio de Janeiro. The ASSOCIATED PRESS



No need to be a pig and start hogging all the bacon ... yet

Oink, oink. The price of pork is likely to rise only slightly due to virus sweeping North America: Experts



TAYLOR Metro in London, Ont.

The virus that's rippling its way across Ontario pig farms could hit pork lovers' pocketbooks if the spread continues.

While no one's forecasting a blockbuster spike in bacon prices any time soon, each new case of the ever-so-charmingly-named porcine epidemic diarrhea pushes the chances one step closer.

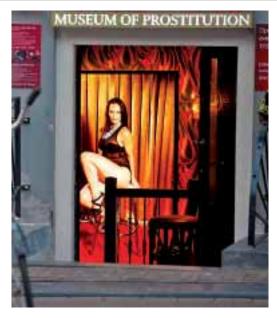
Prices have already seen



a bit of a nudge thanks to the virus's spread in the U.S., which has been battling the bug since the spring. There, more than 2,600 cases of the virus have been confirmed in 23 states, according to the latest data from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.

"It all depends on how it plays out in Ontario, whether we can contain it to the sites we have now or if it blows up like it did in the U.S.," said London, Ont.-area hog farmer Jim Denys. "If it does, it may affect the price further."

By June, bacon in urban U.S. supermarkets had jumped to nearly \$5 US a pound, about 15 per cent higher than the same time in 2012, according to government data. Endof-year data shows a 20 per cent price jump per pound, although some of that can be attributed to the bacon craze that swept North America in 2013, sources have said.



Hands-off learning

A hologram of a beckoning prostitute is shown at the entrance of the "Red Light Secrets" museum in Amsterdam on Tuesday. On any given evening, thousands of tourists stroll down the narrow streets of Amsterdam's famed Red Light District, gawking at ladies in lingerie who work behind windows, making a living selling sex for money. Now a small educational museum is opening in the heart of the district that aims to show reality from the other side of the glass. Organizer Melcher de Wind says the Red Light Secrets museum is for those who want to learn more about how the area works without actually visiting a prostitute. EVERT ELZINGA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Economy. Tories' budget may lead to short-term gain but long-term pain: NDP

The New Democrats say the governing Conservatives' rush to balance the books could delay the economic recovery from the recession.

NDP finance critic Peggy Nash says cuts and austerity measures risk slowing the economy and maintaining higher unemployment, or even increasing it.

She says her party wants to balance the books as quickly as possible, but not at the risk of putting the brakes on the economy.

Nash says the NDP have some inexpensive ideas for next week's budget, including reversing the controversial cuts to Veterans Affairs from the previous budget.

The New Democrats are also asking for measures they say will create jobs, such as providing a \$1,000 tax credit to small businesses to offset the costs of hiring a new worker, at a cost of about \$113 million.

They also want the government to cap ATM and credit-card fees, saying consumers shouldn't have to pay two or three dollars to withdraw their own money



from bank machines.

The NDP were not the only ones doling out criticism.

Duff Conacher of the group Democracy Watch spoke out against the push by the NDP saying the only way to protect consumers from gouging is to impose limits on big-bank profits.

Conacher says capping ATM fees or providing more free banking options will only push the banks to find other ways to increase the cost to consumers.

Even if fees are capped, banks will find a way to make money elsewhere, said Conacher.

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Community input

Feds to tighten cell-tower rules

Ottawa says it is tightening laws governing construction and placement of new cellular antenna towers to require consultation with communities on all commercial installations, regardless of height.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Searched for resolution

EU antitrust watchdog accepts Google's changes

The European Union's antitrust watchdog on Wednesday accepted "far-reaching" concessions offered by Google to settle allegations it is abusing its dominant position in Internet searches, bringing the three-year-old case close to an end.

Google would significantly change the ways it displays some search results in Europe in favour of its competitors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unsportsmanlike?

The North Face hit with lawsuit

The Canadian Olympic Committee is suing clothing maker The North Face, alleging the apparel company infringed on Olympic trademarks and attempted to mislead consumers into believing it is officially connected to the Games.

The lawsuit is the latest case to focus on allegations of so-called "ambush marketing," a term the International Olympic Committee uses to describe the practice of companies exploiting its brands without paying to be official SpOnSOTS. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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HEEL EDGE OF TECH DEFENDS EBOOKS

I'm not really on the cutting edge when it comes to technology. I've spent a lot of my life living in the past (also known as New Brunswick), so I'm more like the back part of the knife that you push on when you're slicing.

Google tells me that part is called the spine, which still gives me too much credit, society-wise. The middle part is the heel. That seems about right.

I am on the cutting heel of technology. So when I say that I believe ebooks are far superior to regular books and will one day replace them, don't take it as a bold pronouncement of Things to Come. Take it as a sign that smarter people than me have likely been saying it for years, and now that it's occurred to me it

must be more mainstream than Leno.

Until recently I was among those who felt that paper books were unquestionably superior. Ebooks weren't great when



John Mazerolle metronews.ca

they first hit the market, which gave us traditionalists cover as we pointed out that the battery or lights or selection or cost weren't very

It was like we looked at the Wright brothers' rickety plane at Kitty Hawk and scoffed: "No way that thing is going to get 350 passengers from Vancouver to Hong Kong on an overnight flight. What were they thinking?'

But now that ebooks have long-life batteries, easy-to-read screens, excellent selection and good prices, people in the pro-book camp have resorted to a couple of paperweight arguments.

The first, from people who have not tried ebooks on principle, usually involves what might to go wrong — like deleting a book or

running out of power. These problems are so unlikely that it's like saying a horse is preferable to a car because horses never accidentally deploy their airbags.

The second, more popular argument is that there's "just

something" about books. The smell, the feel, the heft, the look. We are judging the book by its cover, and we'll caress it and smell it like it's Ryan Gosling or Scarlett Johansson, thank you very much. All well and good, except there is nothing intrinsically pleasant about the feel or smell of a book. I like those sensations too but it's only because I associate them with book reading and therefore feel positively about them. If it was all about heft we should just carry around five-pound Ps and Qs. "Don't mind these, they're fun to lift." (Besides, my ereader has a cover that smells just fine.)

Paper books aren't going anywhere, any more than globes and vinyl records are, and all reading is good. But I think books will become curios and hobby pieces while ebooks will dominate the mainstream completely.

I've thought of starting a business that sells blank paper books (one per household) so families will still have something to grope and sniff as they read, but I'm sure someone else has already thought of it. So said the heel.

I suppose I could take a page out of their book but, well, you

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Don't have a cow, man — have two



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Cattle race carnage gets a photo finish

Yongsheng Zheng's photograph gives us a glimpse into Indonesia's adrenalinefuelled festival of Pacu Jawi (cow racing).

The annual event sees brave jockeys grab the tails of a pair of cows and skate across muddy rice fields barefoot while balancing on a wooden plank.

The Minangkabau people of West Sumatra have been marking the event for 400 years to celebrate the yearly end of the rice harvest season.

Zheng's photo made the World Photography Organisation's shortlist of the 2014 Sony World Photography Awards.

Pictured to the right are a few more of the nominees.



series of portraits of dogs in midbath, photographed half a second before they shake their fur.





Did you know that there are people in Sochi aside from reporters cracking wise about a

half-finished insta-city? There are athletes there too, and they seem much happier to be there. Follow these Canadians on Instagram to see for yourself.



genic sports. And if soaring skiers frozen

your kind of thing, he also has a very

Since things have yet to officially kick off, the official feed is a patriotic mix of

athletes looking chuffed in shiny new

Olympic merchandise or athletes looking chuffed after success in Vancouver.

But once the festivities are on, it'll be

handsome dog. (/travisgerrits)

in time doesn't sound like

Canadian Olympic Team:

Charles Hamelin:

A three-time medallist short-track speedskater who also happens to excel at the Maniacal Selfie In A Crowd event. He even got close enough to snap a photo of Vladimir Putin joining a Japanese athlete for a dining hall selfie. The caption calls him Vladimir Poutine. A genuine mistake or a potentially dangerous gag? Neither? Charles Hamelin: Enigma. (/charleshamelin)

Travis Gerrits:

A freestyle skier boasting a silver medal from the 2013 FIS World Champion-





A petition has been started to remove a lifelike sculpture of a man in his underwear from a woman's college campus in the U.S. Should Sleepwalker stay or go?

@PorcelainTear I can understand why that such statue would cause a stir. It looks very real & somewhat disturbing for that reason

hard to beat the access. (/cdnolympicteam)

RE: How Far Would You Go For Free Breast Implants? Published online Feb. 5, 2014

If you have left over money, please donate to sick and starving kids around the world, not for shallow people who only care for their look.

Kim, posted to metronews.ca

"I would feel more confident" for a month or two, that is, until you find something else about your body that makes you insecure.

Al_Gee, posted to metronews.ca

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Andersen ain't got the blues, in fact he's feeling Weightless

New album. Despite his bluesy links, the New Brunswick musician's latest is full of everything from reggae to gospel to soul



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Matt Andersen has penned and performed a few bluesy songs; his cover of Bill Withers' Ain't No Sunshine has close to one million hits on YouTube. He's even won a 2013 European Blues Award and picked up top prize in the solo and duo category at the 2010 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn

Still, the New Brunswick native doesn't consider himself to be a bluesman, a fact that is highly evident on his new album, Weightless.

Released on Feb. 4, An-

Quoted

"These are all people I know really well, all really good friends and also people I respect through music, so it's a chance to mix it up and keep the variety in there. I like that every song has its own entity on the album."

Matt Andersen on the collaborations on his recent album Weightless

Details

When, where and tickets. Matt Andersen plays the Burton Cummings Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 11. David Myles, who co-wrote a song on Weightless, opens the show. Tickets are \$32.50 at Ticketmaster. Showtime is 8 p.m.

dersen's True North Records debut contains elements of soul, gospel, reggae, country, rockabilly, and yes, blues. The musical multiplicity can be partly attributed to Andersen co-writing with such Canadian musicians as Joel Plaskett, Hockey Night in Canada Song Quest winner David Gunning and Blackie and the Rodeo Kings member Tom Wilson.

"I think sometimes if you write all by yourself, you can end up sounding like yourself too much," Andersen said. "These are all people I know really well, all really good friends and also people I respect through music, so it's a chance to mix it up and keep the variety in there. I like that every song has its own entity on the album."

Produced by Steve Berlin of Los Lobos, Weightless also sees Andersen working with Neko Case's guitarist, Paul Rigby.

"He's the kind of guitar player I'm not," Andersen said. "I'm a fairly basic guitar player. Paul brought in all these really great tones and arrangement ideas. It was nice to have his influence on the album, keeping it from sounding too much like what I've done before."

Andersen is no slouch in



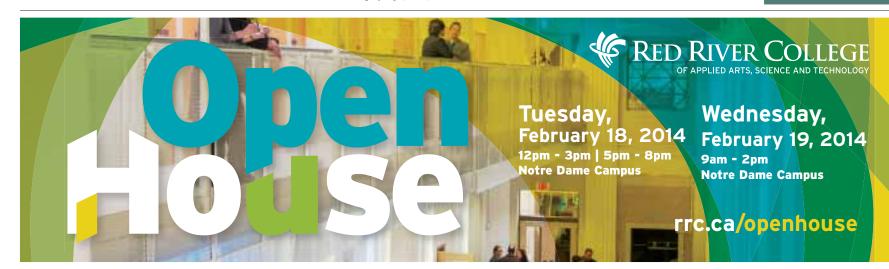
the guitar department though, and is known to bust out blazing solos in his live show. However, Weightless doesn't feature any extended guitar solos.

"I like playing (solos) live,

but on the album I just wanted to focus more on the songs and not make it a big guitar wank," Andersen said.

"I still love playing guitar solos, but I've learned to be a

little more conscious that not everybody wants to hear a four minute solo as much as I do. The last thing I want is people fast forwarding through a SCHAR



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Clooney on the importance of culture

The Monuments Men.

Actor-turned-director talks about his new war story and why art matters



You may think all the Second World War stories that could be committed to film have been covered, but George Clooney's got a new one for you. His latest as a director, The Monuments Men, is based on the real exploits of a team of art experts tasked with recovering priceless works the Nazis were hoarding in the waning days of the war.

"We wanted to make an entertaining film, and we liked the story. We were not all that familiar with this actual story, which is rare for a World War II story, and we wanted it to be accessible," Clooney says.

"We wanted to talk about a



very serious subject that's ongoing and we wanted to make it entertaining. That was the goal. A movie about saving art doesn't really sound all that fun, so you have to remind people that what we're talking about isn't just these paintings on a wall. It's about culture, the fabric of our culture. You can

kill them, you can murder their families, but if you take away their culture then that's when society breaks down."

The conviction with which he speaks comes from a very personal place and from personal experiences that helped motivate him to undertake the film in the first place.

"I spent a lot of time going through villages in the Sudan and Darfur where it wasn't enough that you killed them and you killed their children and you did all this stuff. They had to destroy the things that they'd created from generations before," Clooney remembers.

"They had to destroy what made the village theirs, and that was as important as the raping and the murdering of these families. We started to understand how, when we didn't protect the art during the beginning of the war in Iraq — we didn't protect those museums and now a lot of those

things are lost, those artifacts — how that can actually affect the community in a very deep way. What are you fighting for, if it's not your culture, your life?"

His fifth film as a director, The Monuments Men marks Clooney's first outing behind the camera since 2011's The Ides of March, and while those jobs take longer to get out, he's much happier in the director's chair, he's found.

"I prefer directing to doing other things. Directing and writing, I think, they seem to be infinitely more creative," he says.

"I like it more than acting now. I don't know whether it's improving or not, but it's definitely evolving in different directions. All you're trying to do is learn from people that you've worked with. I've worked with the Coen Brothers, with Soderbergh, Alexander Payne — I've worked with really great directors. You just try to watch what they're doing and then steal it. That's the theory. You go, 'Oh, I like that. I'm going to do it that way."

Prince of pop is back with new sound

Plectrum Electrum.

Enigmatic star kicks off string of London gigs with session in fellow musician's living room

When Prince came to London a few years ago, he played more than 20 nights at the vast O2 arena. This time, he played a suburban living room to a dozen people.

The enigmatic star flew into London on Tuesday at the start of a still-evolving string of dates in support of forthcoming album Plectrum Electrum, recorded with all-female trio 3RDEYEGIRL.

Details are being released in a trickle, but Prince said he planned to play "iconic" venues along the lines of music club the Bag o' Nails — where Jimi Hendrix once played — as well as storied rock venue Electric Ballroom and Ronnie Scott's jazz club.

"We'll work our way up, if people like us, to bigger venues," Prince said.

His first stop was the East London home of British soul singer Lianne La Havas, who met Prince last year while she was touring the United States. The pair bonded over common musical tastes and a shared love of tea.

In her cozy living room in front of a crackling fire, the band played two acoustic tracks of what Prince called their funky rock 'n' roll," or "funk 'n' roll," including the newly released single PretzelBodyLogic.

Later, Prince and the band showed off its funk-laced, punk-edged sound in an unannounced late-night set at the Electric Ballroom, a landmark venue in north London's music heartland of Camden. He said he'd be back at the club on Wednesday "a lot earlier and a lot funkier."

The trip to London, he said, is "open-ended."

"We're going to be here until people don't want to hear us anymore."

Prince said he planned to keep ticket prices as low as \$10, "because it's a new band and you're maybe not hearing what you'd expect."

The tracks on the new album were developed during epic jam sessions at Prince's Paisley Park studios near Mineapolis. "We've been together for over a year and it's perfect," said Prince, who sipped a mug

of strong tea with honey as he chatted to La Havas, her housemates and three journalists in the British singer's brick Victorian house. "The more we play, the more fun it is, and addictive it is"

Prince looked every inch the star in the incongruous surroundings, dressed head-to-toe in black and sporting a furry jerkin and large sunglasses.

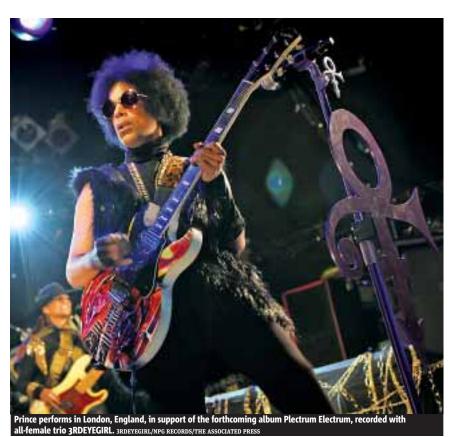
The multinational 3RD-EYEGIRL is made up of Danish bassist Ida Nielsen, Canadian guitarist Donna Grantis and American drummer Hannah Ford. Ford said the band sometimes jammed for 12 hours or more in days and nights of music interspersed with games of ping pong

of ping pong.
"That's our amazing life," she said. "And we wouldn't want it any other way. We are literally living a musician's fairy tale, and it is now our reality." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Intimate venues

"We'll work our way up, if people like us, to bigger venues."

Prince, on playing small, iconic clubs





American Idol runner-up Clay Aiken puts career on hold to run for Congress

Former American Idol runnerup Clay Aiken is running for Congress in North Carolina.

Aiken said Wednesday he'll seek the Democratic nomination for the seat currently held by Rep. Renee Ellmers.

The 35-year-old Aiken has been a special education teacher in Wake County. He

says he decided to put his entertainment career on hold and seek to represent the state's 2nd Congressional District.

He says he considers Washington to be dysfunctional and will focus on jobs and the economy, as well as the importance of education. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cher skips wedding over feud with son Elijah

Cher's ongoing feud with her son, Elijah Blue, and his new wife, Angie King, shows no sign of abating and recently resulted in Cher missing their wedding and excluding them from family holiday activities, Blue tells the National Enquirer.

'I've always been the black sheep of my family. We have lots of ups and downs, and now isn't the best time,' says Blue, who married King in early December. "It's like a Mexican standoff, but we have a history.'

The latest spat apparently results from an October falling out between Cher and her new daughter-in-law that



prompted the Burlesque star to kick the pair out of her Malibu home, where they'd been staying. "You've got two strong women, two big bulls in the pen," Blue says. "I think there's a respect and I think they butt heads.'

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Selena sneaks off to rehab for 'emotional issues'

Selena Gomez reportedly snuck away for a two-week stay at an Arizona rehab facility, though her rep insists to Radar Online it was for emotional issues.

'Selena voluntarily spent time at (Dawn at the) Meadows, but not for substance abuse," her rep says, though other sources insist the former Disney star has been

"partying very hard" in the months leading up to her secret stay.

"With fame came a partying lifestyle," says a source, while another adds that ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber probably wasn't helping matters.

"Selena came to understand just what a bad influence Justin had been on her life," the second source says. "I don't know whether Justin pushed her to drug use, but amongst their close-knit group of friends, smoking was commonplace. Justin and Selena would smoke marijuana together regularly." METRO WORLD NEWS



Charlize contemplating marriage with new beau Sean Penn

Things are apparently moving pretty fast for new couple Charlize Theron and Sean Penn, as Penn has reportedly already moved into Theron's home and is contemplating matrimony, according to Radar Online.

"The two began talking about marriage in the last few weeks, after Sean moved into Charlize's house," a

source says. "She has never wanted to get married, but seeing how Sean interacts with (her son) Jackson, she is having a change of heart.

"For the longest time, Charlize thought it was just going to be her and Jackson, and she was OK with that. For her to now be talking about getting married is a huge departure for Charlize."



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Beckham gets a kick out of the fashion business

Let's talk about Becks.

Whether you know him for his athletic skill or naked torso doesn't really matter at this point. David Beckham's empire is growing and no one is going to bring him (or his boxer briefs) down

Everybody knows who David Beckham is, either from his career as a football star or as the fashion icon and trendsetter he has become.

Metro Sweden's fashion editor Martin Hansson met David Beckham in New York to talk about the new collaboration with the Swedish fashion giant that premiered during the Super bowl week-

What has it been like to go from football player to a fashion icon?

I have always been very interested in clothes and style.

One day I love wearing a really tailored suit and the next day I like wearing what I'm wearing today: a pair of casual jeans and a sweater.

The opportunity to, in collaboration with H & M, produce an underwear collection that reflects my personal style feels natural and in tune with the times.



Your new collection, David Beckham for H & M, has been increased and is now aimed at younger boys as well. What message would you like to send to them?

Family first

Victoria loves the pictures and just thinks it's fun. But my sons like the exposure most of all and think it's great to see their daddy everywhere.

David Beckham on H&M campaign

I would like to tell them to go for their passion, work hard and stay focussed. I have always given 100 per cent in everything I do, both in football and in fashion. If you work hard enough and have fun at the same time there is a chance that you'll reach your dreams.

How does your wife Vic-

toria feel about seeing you half naked on billboards and on TV all over the world?

(Laughs) Victoria loves the pictures and just thinks it's fun. But my sons like the exposure most of all and think it's great to see their daddy everywhere. I often wear the clothes from the new collection at home so they recognize it

If you could look into your future, what do you hope to see?

I want to continue working with all that I'm doing today but also with new projects. Because I've played football the past 22 years it is refreshing to do something completely different now.

Get to know David

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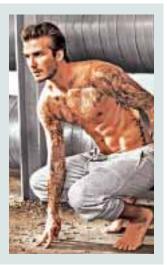
Name: David Beckham

Age: 38

In the news: Has designed a new collection for H & M and is seen in a large campaign that premiered at the Super Bowl this weekend.

Lives: In Notting Hill, London

Family: Married to Victoria Beckham, four children.



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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Heather Age: 29

Occupation: Freelance writer

What she's wearing: H&M scarf, Top Shop jacket, Gap

shirt, BDG pants, LK Berlin bag and Top Shop shoes.

Her inspiration:

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The Month of Love

Love at first taste. Here are some ideas to tickle your true love's fancy - and appetite this Valentine's Day.



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It's the month to show your heart on your sleeve. If you're feeling a bit amorous, here's a sampling of how you might show your affection. My best advice to get the most out of Valentine's Day? Be proactive! Book a table, order a cake-and remember—a gift to yourself on Valentine's Day is always perfectly acceptable.

Cake-ology offers its No Love conversation heart cookies, inspired by Sweet Hearts candy but with a slightly different message (see photo). They're \$1.50 each, \$7.50 half dozen or \$15 dozen. Pre-orders are appreciated but they'll be some on hand for walk-ins.

To really make an impression, take your sweetie to The Fairmont for a luxurious seven-course dinner at The Velvet Glove. The \$99 price tag per person includes sparkling wine for all and a rose and gift bag for ladies.

Have some wallet-friendly fun at Danny's BBQ +

Smokehouse on Valentine's Day this year. For the rockbottom price of \$75 per couple, you'll get a fivecourse meal that includes either a New York steak or grilled tuna as your main. Two glasses of sparkling wine are included.

Frescolio Fine Oils + Vinegars Tasting Bar is hosting a date night on Feb. 14. They'll be serving appetizers and desserts made with their unique products, paired with fine wines. Tickets are \$100 per couple and that includes a \$30 gift card to spend in the store.

For a evening filled with music and food, head to opening night of Winnipeg Mardis Gras. Get in the spirit with Louisiana crab cakes, bourbon-flamed garlic pepper shrimp and Basin Street bread pudding. Toast the evening with an authentic Hurricane and maybe a shot of Southern Comfort. Let the good times

Shel Zolkewich writes about food, travel and the outdoors when she's not eating, on the road or playing outside. Got a food story idea? shel@ shelzolkewich.com





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Oysters Rockefeller goes First Nations



Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) unsalted butter
- 1 celery stalk, finely sliced • 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1 tbsp finely chopped parsley • 1 cup (250 ml) finely chopped stinging nettles, dandelion
- greens, or sorrel leaves • dash Pernod, or other aniseflavoured liqueur
- 2 slices fresh white bread,
- crusts removed, torn into pieces • 12 fresh oysters in shell
- 1 tbsp Pernod
- rock salt, for serving
- 12 lemon wedges, to garnish
- 12 parsley sprigs, to garnish
- salt, to taste Tabasco sauce, to taste

"I use this recipe to teach Aboriginal students a classical method of preparing seafood," writes Andrew George Jr. in his book Modern Native Feasts. "Using stinging nettles, dandelion greens, or sorrel instead of traditional spinach, gives a new twist to this dish"

- 1. Preheat broiler to high.
- **2.** In frying pan, melt butter and sauté celery, onions, garlic, parsley, greens, and dash of Pernod. Stir constantly for about 3 minutes. Remove from heat.
- In a blender, combine greens mixture with bread and process for about 30 seconds. Using an oyster

knife, twist open shells and remove oysters. In a large bowl, toss oysters with 1 tbsp Pernod. Drain oysters and reserve liquid. Remove any shell fragments. Discard top shells, clean and dry bottom shells.

4. Line a baking tray with rock salt and place oyster shells on top. Place 1 oyster into each shell and spoon reserved liquid onto each. Spoon crumb mixture on top, completely covering each oyster. Broil for 1–2 minutes, until topping bubbles. Arrange oysters on a serving dish and garnish with sprigs of parsley and lemon wedges. Season oysters to taste with salt and/or Tabasco

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3. In a saucepan on medium-

on a rack in a broiling pan.

high heat, sauté shallots and juniper berries in oil. Deglaze pan with gin and red wine. Add stock and simmer for about 20 minutes, until liquid is reduced by half. Pour sauce over duck and broil for five minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F (190 C) and baste duck with sauce. Roast for 10 minutes, until duck is cooked to medium

rare. Arrange on two plates and spoon sauce over duck.

Cookbook of the Week

Native eats for the 21st century



Full of healthy North American fare, Modern Native Feasts by Andrew George Jr. updates tradition for the 21st century. Native American cuisine comes of age in this collection that reinterprets and updates traditional Native recipes with modern, healthy twists. Andrew George Jr. was head chef for aboriginal foods at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. metro

Take care when opening oysters. Protect your hand by wearing an oyster glove or covering a knife with a towel.



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TIVE FEASTS: HEALTHY, INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE CUISINE BY ANDREW GEORGE IR. (PUBLISHED BY ARSENAL PULP PRESS, 2013).



Toody Ni Juniper Duck

1. Preheat broiler to high.

2. Season duck with salt and pepper and place, skin side up,

- 2 6-oz (175-g) boneless duck breasts
- salt, to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste
 1 large shallot, chopped
- 1 tbsp crushed juniper berries
- 2 tsp canola oil
- 1 tbsp juniper gin
- 1/3 cup (80 ml) red wine
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) duck or
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh sage

Heroes' welcome

Seahawks party with 12th Man

Hundreds of thousands of notoriously loud Seahawks fans cranked up the noise and went berserk during a parade to celebrate the franchise's first Super Bowl victory.

The mood in downtown Seattle was electrifying, as the parade featuring the Super Bowl champions got underway Wednesday near the Space Needle.

Revellers packed the three-kilometre route. They wore blue and green wigs, waved flags, scarves and signs, and erupted into spontaneous song and dance.

Police estimated about 700,000 people attended the event — that's more than the city's population — in perhaps the largest gathering in Seattle history.

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CFL

Chamblin named coach of the year

Corey Chamblin is the CFL's coach of the year.

Chamblin received the Annis Stukus Trophy at the league's annual coach of the year luncheon.

Kent Austin of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and John Hufnagel of the Calgary Stampeders were the award finalists.

Chamblin, 36, capped his second season with Saskatchewan in style, leading the Roughriders to a Grey Cup championship on home soil.

Saskatchewan defeated the B.C. Lions 29-25 before qualifying for the Grey Cup by downing Calgary 35-13 in the West final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Four Jets flying with Olympic longshots



THE HOCKEY NEWS Matt Larkin winnipeg@metronews.ca

The four-year wait is almost over. Next week, the complaints from journalists in dingy hotel rooms will die down and the hockey will start in Sochi.

Of the four Jets competing, who has the best chance to bring a medal back at month's end? Using THN's official Olympic predictions as a base, let's break down how the Jets will fare.

Ondrej Pavelec and Michael Frolik, Czech Republic: The Czechs have fielded the Olympics' most controversial roster. Radim Vrbata and Jiri Hudler are productive enough in the NHL to warrant consideration for the top line, so imagine our surprise when we learned neither made the team. Even more stunning: Petr Nedved cracked the roster at age 42.

This team was already the oldest of the main contenders at 29.5 years old on average and that was before injured Vladimir Sobotka, 26, was replaced by Martin Erat, 32. The Czechs will need miraculous efforts out of golden oldies like Jaromir Jagr and Patrik Elias to generate offence. Frolik will play a checking role, but is having a great year in Winnipeg and showing he can produce on a scoring line, too. It may be open season on Pavelec, as the blueline in front of him is old and not overly gritty aside from Radko Gudas and Ladislav Smid. Prediction: sixth place.



It may be open season on Pavelec, as the blueline in front of him is old and not overly gritty aside from Radko Gudas and Ladislav Smid.

Blake Wheeler, Team USA: Wheeler is built to make a difference in this tournament, as he's a big forward blessed with a speedy, powerful stride. But will he get a chance to? The U.S. is strong on the wings, with stars like Phil Kessel, Patrick Kane and Zach Parise locks for the top six. Despite Wheeler's size, he's not physical enough to excel in a bottom-six role.

Like Wheeler, the U.S is a wild card. It has the talent to win it all, as it was a goal away from doing so in 2010. That said, like the Canadians, the Yankees have struggled when the Games are played outside North America, failing to medal in Nagano (1998) and Turin (2006). Also factoring in a lack of another true top-two blueliner to play with Ryan Suter. we have Team USA

finishing off the podium. Prediction: fifth place.

Olli Jokinen, Finland: A year ago, Jokinen was an afterthought in the Olympic discussion, but the big fella rediscovered his scoring touch in time to crack a Finnish team hurting at centre. Saku Koivu withdrew and his brother Mikko is still questionable for the Games after ankle surgery. While it's nice for Jokinen that he'll be relied upon to generate goals, he's 35, so that doesn't bode well for the Finns. They typically play well on international-sized ice, but look a little undermanned this time around. Prediction:

'You can't force healing': Stamkos staying home



Steven Stamkos will not play for Team Canada at the Sochi Olympics after tests revealed Wednesday that his broken right leg is not completely healed.

Tampa Bay Lightning doctors said they couldn't clear him to play after examining his most recent CT scan and will re-evaluate his condition again in two to three weeks.

It's a big blow for the 23-year-old, who had been optimistic earlier this week that he might be able to play by as soon as Saturday.

Yzerman's next decision

Hockey Canada did not immediately announce a replacement for Stamkos, though Claude Giroux, Lightning teammate Marty St. Louis and James Neal figured to be the leading candidates.

"Today is obviously very disappointing for me," Stamkos said in a release. "I honestly believe that we did everything possible in order to have my injured leg ready in time for the Olympics, but I realize you can't force healing. I know, in the best interest of my long-term health, I cannot represent Canada in Sochi, as much as I would like to."

Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman, who is also Team Canada's executive director, said Stamkos "should not be participating in game action at any time in the near future."

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Greater in Year 8?



Bobsled. She's dominated the circuit since winning gold in 2010, and Calgarian says she might have another gear for Sochi

Kaillie Humphries won Olympic bobsled gold four years ago and has finished first at the last two world championships.

In what should give her rivals cause for concern in Sochi, she is just now hitting her

"They say it takes eight to 10 years to build a really good bobsleigh pilot," Humphries said. "I'm at year eight right now."

The timing seems to be lining up perfectly for the 28-year-old. She has won three World Cup titles this season and is in her usual perch on top of the overall standings.

She reunited with brakewoman Heather Moyse of Summerside, P.E.I., and they opened the campaign with an impressive win in Calgary.

Triumphant underdogs four years ago in Vancouver, now they're the team to beat.



to be able to feel, you have to be

So on the track walk I'm able to see things slowed down. I'm able to look at things exactly as they are."

Kaillie Humphries, on racing down a bobsled

"She's got great expectations," Canadian coach Tom De La Hunty said of Humphries. "She's won the last two world championships. So at the top level, she knows how to deal with the pressure and

Humphries has emerged as one of the faces of the Canadian team in the lead-up to Sochi. It's a position she seems to enjoy.

The Canadian bobsled team attended a half-hour introductory news conference Wednesday at the Gorki Media Centre in Sochi. Humphries stayed for an extra 20 minutes, holding court with reporters in her friendly and engaging manner.

"Mentally I'm stronger," she said. "Physically I feel like I'm in a great position right now. Overall it takes a whole package. It's about balance, it's not just one aspect. I'm definitely a lot more well-rounded. I still get tested, I still have my moments when I fail those tests.

"I still am learning a lot in the position that I'm in."

Steven Holcomb of the U.S. was the top driver on the men's World Cup circuit with Kaillie Humphries the top woman. Both won gold in Vancouver and might again this year. The U.S. has two Olympic track athletes on the women's team, with gold medallist Lauryn Williams and Lolo Jones qualifying as push athletes.

BMW doesn't just make fast cars. Their sled-building business will be on full display in Sochi, with Germans, Americans and Canadians — all medal favourites — among the nations racing in their sleds. And while those sleds bear the same logo, there's some significant set-up and technological differences depending on which nation's



"You have able to see.

the pressure is going to be great this time I'll tell you."

The spotlight shines brightest every four years and Humphries is ready.

White's decision whack, Canadians say

The Sochi Olympics haven't even started, but the normally courteous Canadians are already leading the table in trash

Canadian snowboarders Sebastien Toutant and Max Parrot both took to Twitter to criticize American star Shaun White's decision to pull out of the slopestyle event to focus on halfpipe, where he is the two-time defending Olympic

"Mr. White... It's easy to find excuses to pull out of a contest when you think you can't win...," Toutant posted Wednesday after White announced his decision to sit out slopestyle cit-

"Mr. White... It's easy to find excuses to pull out of a competition when you think you can't win." A Twitter jab from Canadian snowboarder Sebastien Toutant at U.S. star Shaun

ing potential injury concerns. Parrot tweeted: "Shaun knows he won't be able to win the slopes, thats why he pulled out. He's scared!"

Both tweets were later deleted and Parrot posted an apology, saying he was sorry if he offended anyone and that he meant it's "not as fun to compete at the Olympics when the (top riders) aren't there."



slopestyle, along with Parrot, the defending X-Games champion, and Canadian star Mark McMorris.

There has been plenty of hype about the McMorris-White rivalry leading into the Sochi Games.

Prior to the 2013 X Games, McMorris called out White, saying "he doesn't dominate slopestyle at all."

White jammed his wrist on one jump while training on the Sochi slopestyle course, which he deemed to be danger-

Canadian flag-raising

'Sense of majesty' at welcome party

As the sun set over Russia's Black Sea, it shined on the Canadian flag just as it was hitting the top of the flagpole with the national anthem playing in the background.

It marked an unofficial start at the Sochi Olympics for Canada. It didn't take long for chef de mission Steve Podborski to stop thinking about red and white and start dreaming about gold.

"When the Canadian flag went up, the sun is glaring on it, it blows out and you can see the Maple Leaf and

I'm thinking, 'I'm sure we're going to hear more of that,' he said. "It was really, really

Before the flag went up, about a hundred Canadian athletes marched into the city's international plaza. They watched the Choir of Siberia sing and dance and a Russian honour guard march beside the stage.

It was an expression of Russian culture two days before the official opening ceremony in Sochi.

'The Řussians really bring a sense of majesty and something big to a ceremony like this," Podborski said. "It was really charming."

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Olympic relay. Flame reaches final destination

The Olympic flame reached Sochi Wednesday, following a 65,000-kilometre route, the longest in the history of the Games.

The relay generated genuine public enthusiasm, featuring famous cultural figures, athletes and other celebrities, and drawing big crowds across Russia.

But it also has seen some spectacular gaffes, with the flame flickering out on dozens of occasions and, in some cases, even engulfing the bearers.

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The relay started in Moscow on Oct. 7 and stopped at more than 130 cities and towns across Russia. Along the way, the torch travelled to:

- The North Pole. Aboard a nuclearpowered icebreaker. the ceremony involved torch bearers from eight Arctic nations.
- Outer space. On Nov. 7, a rocket carried the torch to the International Space Station. Cosmonauts Oleg Kotov and Sergei Ryazanskiy then took the torch on an unprecedented spacewalk Nov. 9. For safety

reasons, the torch didn't burn aboard the ISS.

- Europe and Russia's highest mountain. Russian mountaineers lit the torch atop Mount Elbrus — at 18,510 feet - the highest mountain in Russia and Europe.
- The world's deepest lake. In November, divers plunged into Lake Baikal, the world's biggest and deepest



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

T Aries

March 21 - April 20

Something will happen today that takes you by surprise but if you stand back and look at it in an objective light, you will see it had to occur. Chances are a few weeks from now, you will be glad it happened.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Do you go out and have fun or do you stay in and get work done? If you are smart — you will sacrifice short-term enjoyment for long-term peace of mind.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

You have thought about what you are planning and all you need to do now is get on with it. Don't worry that certain people may not approve. Most likely they're jealous.

9 Cancer June 22 - July 23

As Mercury turns retrograde today don't take anything for granted. But the world should not take you for granted either. Do something out of character, something no one would ever expect of you.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Unexpected events will disrupt your routine today and you won't be happy about it. But as there is nothing you can do to change things there's not much point getting uptight about it, is there? Stay calm and carry on.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If a colleague makes an error and causes you problems today, don't make a big deal of it. Everyone makes mistakes so do what you can do make them feel better.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There will be disorder today, most likely at work. Colleagues may discover that they are not up to keeping the promises they made. You could see it coming, so you won't be fazed.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may have to be abrupt with certain people today, simply because they are too slow to work things out for themselves. Don't bruise egos for fun but make sure what needs to get done does.

7¹ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

With mind planet Mercury beginning one of its retrograde phases there is simply no point rushing to get things done. In the greater scheme of things, they're really not that important.

り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Be careful when dealing with those whose outlook on life is different to yours. If you adopt the attitude that you're always right and they're always wrong, conflict is inevitable.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You try to be honest in your dealings but you just can't get through to people. This is likely to be a theme of the next few weeks while Mercury moves retrograde, so get used to it.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You're hardly a decisive person and with Mercury, planet of communication and the mind, turning retrograde in your sign today you will change your mind yet again. Others won't like it but you are who you are. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- 1. Not near
- 4. Played over 9. "Batman" star Adam, and surnamesakes
- 14. Tenn. neighbour 15. Southwestern
- Ontario gorge village
- 16. Sir Newton 17. Wayne and
- Shuster: 2 wds. 19. Steamy spot
- 20. Geena's 1991 title role
- 21. Captain Hook's sidekick
- 23. Wine aperitif
- 24. Coffee brand 25. Helmet part: 2
- production company 29. Athena's walk-

- it what?: 3 wds.
- 45. Kit
- 49. Ages
- composer 55. Ms. Knightley
- 59. Marion __ (Pioneering female aviator

- wds. 27. Simon Cowell's
- way 30. " if..." __ sure be nice
- 33. Some sound
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- 43. Uni
- 44. Also, in Montreal
- 46. "Wow."
- 51. Certain classical
- 2 wds. of Canada, b.1918

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- -d.1995) 60. Use red pen
- 61. Did a sports team transaction
- 62. __-toothed tiger 64. Canadian actor who plays Captain Renard on "Grimm":
- 66. Carpeting 'spot' 67. "We Can Work
- " by The Beatles 68. Navigator's dir. 69. Goes up-anddown in weight 70. Crowned heads in
- Russia, once 71. Brit's thank yous

Down

- 1. Actualities
- 2. Hawaiian hi
- 3. Noodle dish 4. Eddie ___, Marius in "Les Miserables" (2012)
- 5. "Air Force One" (1997) actor Mr. Baskin
- 6. Towels holder 7. In _ __ (Hurried)
- 8. Ms. Watts
- 9. Most sage
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- adian rapper on new song "Heroes" feat. Choclair, prod. by C4ENT.
- 12. Actress Ms. Raymonde 13. Cliff type

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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- 31. Even if, briefly
- 32. Splashy '80s Can-
- adian series: 2 wds.
- 34. Old French coin
- 35. Actor, Buddy 37. Three, in Turin
- 38. Ballpark fig.
- 40. Tooth part
- 41. Bear, in Barcelona 42. Hockey arena
- regulars, colloquially: 2 wds.
- 47. Martin and
- Charlie 48. Brick carrier
- 50. Char, in cooking
- 51. Domineering
- 52. Lyre-playing Muse
- 53. Sojourn
- 54. Mona Lisa's room
- at the Louvre in Paris, Salle des
- 56. Boomtown Rats' Like Mondays'
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Yesterday's Sudoku

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